

Tahoe. The bill requires the Secretary of Agriculture to develop a priority list of projects to address air quality, fisheries, noise, recreation, scenic resources, soil conservation, forest health, water quality, and wildlife. The bill would require that the Secretary give priority to projects involving erosion and sediment control, acquisition of environmentally sensitive land, fire risk reduction in urban areas and urban-wildland interface, MTBE clean-up, and management of parking and traffic.

This is a very healthy and ambitious agenda. These projects would account for \$200 million. Another million dollars will be granted to the Tahoe Regional Planning Authority and local utility districts to address well and water contamination.

Finally, the bill would authorize \$1 million to local authorities for erosion control activities, water quality, and soil conservation projects on non-Federal land. Much of this activity requires extensive consultation with State, regional, and local authorities.

I note that the bill is virtually identical to the one of Senator FEINSTEIN's passed in the Senate on October 5. There is no reason why we should not be taking up that bill and sending it to the President.

Although I do not support the limited acquisition authority in the bill, I support this legislation; and I urge my colleagues to do the same.

I also want to say that I think that certainly the local governments and the private business community should be commended for the efforts that they are undertaking to dramatically alter the activities, many of which I think will, in fact, be enhanced when they are completed, but will provide for better transportation, for less contamination of the lake, for greater setbacks and protections of the lake, which is one of the great, great natural assets of our two States and one in which the people of both Nevada and California have a great deal of pride in.

I would urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank the gentleman from California (Mr. DOOLITTLE) whose district includes that portion of Lake Tahoe. It was his vision, hard work, and leadership on this issue that is going to reward us with a preservation of the water quality of Lake Tahoe. I want to thank him for his efforts in this regard.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Nevada (Mr. GIBBONS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3388, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

BEND FEED CANAL PIPELINE PROJECT ACT OF 2000

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill (S. 2425) to authorize the Bureau of Reclamation to participate in the planning, design, and construction of the Bend Feed Canal Pipeline Project, Oregon, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read as follows:

S. 2425

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Bend Feed Canal Pipeline Project Act of 2000".

SEC. 2. FEDERAL PARTICIPATION.

(a) The Secretary of the Interior, in cooperation with the Tumalo Irrigation District (referred to in this section as the "District"), is authorized to participate in the planning, design, and construction of the Bend Feed Canal Pipeline Project, Oregon.

(b) The Federal share of the costs of the project shall not exceed 50 per centum of the total, and shall be non-reimbursable. The District shall receive credit from the Secretary toward the District's share of the project for any funds the District has provided toward the design, planning or construction prior to the enactment of this Act.

(c) Funds received under this Act shall not be considered a supplemental or additional benefit under the Act of June 17, 1902 (82 Stat. 388) and all Acts amendatory thereof or supplementary thereto.

(d) Title to facilities constructed under this Act will be held by the District.

(e) Operations and maintenance of the facilities will be the responsibility of the District.

(f) There are authorized to be appropriated \$2,500,000 for the Federal share of the activities authorized under this Act.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Nevada (Mr. GIBBONS) and the gentleman from California (Mr. GEORGE MILLER) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Nevada (Mr. GIBBONS).

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, S. 2425 will enable the Bureau of Reclamation to participate in the planning, design, and construction of the Bend Feed Canal Pipeline Project in Oregon, and for other purposes.

The Federal cost share of the costs of the project shall not exceed 50 percent of the total. The legislation authorizes \$2,500,000 for this project.

I urge an aye vote.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, we have no objection to this legislation, and I urge its passage.

Mr. WALDEN of Oregon. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in strong support of S. 2425, the Bend Feed Canal Pipeline Project Act of 2000. This bill was sponsored in the Senate by my good friend, Senator SMITH of Oregon, and I sponsored the companion legislation in the House.

S. 2425 would authorize the Bureau of Reclamation to participate in the planning, design, and construction of the Bend Feed Canal Pipeline Project in Oregon.

The Bend Feed Canal is built on pumice and other porous volcanic rock. Because of the porous rock, over 20 cubic feet per second of water is lost over the length of the Bend Feed Canal. This loss causes the Tumalo Irrigation District (District) to use all available water, and in drought years even that is not enough to supply the needs of its irrigators. The existing Bend Feed Canal has several segments currently piped. This creates a dangerous situation as a person falling into an open section of the canal will soon find themselves approaching a piped section which would mean almost certain death. Although the beginning of each piped section has a trash rack, with the urbanization of Bend and the development around the Bend Feed Canal, the risk to small children is great.

This legislation will allow the District to replace six segments of open canal with pipeline. In addition to the water conservation benefits, once the project is complete the District will have increased system reliability and the customers in the area will have fewer safety concerns. This is a very important step for a once largely rural community that is experiencing rapid growth.

The Bend Feed Canal Pipeline Project Act of 2000 is supported by the Tumalo Irrigation District and the Oregon Water Resources Congress.

The District would pay 50% of the costs of the project. The total cost of the project is expected to be approximately \$4 million.

Mr. Speaker, I strongly support S. 2425. It is a good bill for the irrigators and it is good bill for the Bend community.

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Nevada (Mr. GIBBONS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill, S. 2425.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the Senate bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

KLAMATH BASIN WATER SUPPLY ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2000

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill (S. 2882) to authorize the Bureau of Reclamation to conduct certain feasibility studies to augment water